

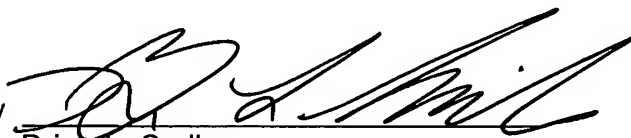
REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-19 have been amended, claims 20-21 have been canceled, and new claim 22 has been added. The amendments to the claims have been introduced to advance prosecution of the present application, which had been translated from the German language. No new matter has been added.

In addition, the specification has been amended to comply with U.S. formatting requirements and to correct certain typographical errors. No new matter has been added. A marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification showing the changes made is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this amendment. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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